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| Applicants: | Carl D. Wahlstrand; Ruchika Singhal; Robert M. Skime | Confirmation No. | 5013 |
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| Title: | MODULAR IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE | | |

RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2006, the period of response for which has been extended one month to run through July 7, 2006, Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following:

Remarks begins on page 2 of this paper.